

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Figure 1 shows the preferred embodiment of the present invention. In the preferred embodiment, the swab packaging with separated liquid and dry compound comprises of a swab applicator **1** with an elongated tubular housing **2** with a predetermined quantity of liquid **3** enclosed within the hollow interior of the elongated tubular housing **2** with an opening means **4** to release the liquid **3** to an absorbent tip **5** affixed to one end of the elongated tubular housing **2**. The opening means **4** may be as in United States Patent No. 5,702,035, which is a score line near one end of the elongated tubular housing 2, or any other suitable opening means. In addition, a similar opening means in the form of a second score line may be formed near the other end of the elongated tubular housing 2. Also, as in United States Patent No. 5,702,035, a high viscosity plug, such as silicone, may be disposed near the other end of the elongated tubular housing 2. A predetermined quantity of the dry compound **7** form of the chemical or medication is sealed in or around the absorbent tip **5**. The dry compound **7** may be starch or any other suitable dry compound or powder. When the liquid **3** is released into the absorbent tip **5** through the opening means **4**, the liquid **3** in the moisturized absorbent tip **5** will interact with the dry compound **7** in the correct predetermined ratio for application. A brush or other suitable applicator may also be used in place of the absorbent tip. This separation of the dry compound **7** and liquid **3** will greatly prolong the shelf life of the contents.

Figure 2 shows another embodiment of the present invention. In this embodiment, the swab packaging with separated liquid and dry compound comprises of a swab applicator 1 with an elongated tubular housing 2 with a predetermined quantity of liquid 3 enclosed within the hollow interior of the elongated tubular housing 2 with an opening means 4 to release the liquid 3 to an absorbent tip 5 affixed to one end of the elongated tubular housing 2. The opening means 4 may be as in United States Patent No. 5,702,035, which is a score line near one end of the elongated tubular housing 2, or any other suitable opening means. In addition, a similar opening means in the form of a second score line may be formed near the other end of the elongated tubular housing 2. Also, as in United States Patent No. 5,702,035, a high viscosity plug, such as silicone, may be disposed near the other end of the elongated tubular housing 2. The swab applicator 1 is sealed in a package 6 with a predetermined quantity of the dry compound 7 form of the chemical or medication sealed in or around the absorbent tip 5. The package may enclose the entire swab applicator 1 or only the absorbent tip 5. The dry compound 7 may be starch or any other suitable dry compound or powder. When the liquid 3 is released into the absorbent tip 5 through the opening means 4, the liquid 3 in the moisturized absorbent tip 5 will interact with the dry compound 7 in the correct predetermined ratio for application. This separation of the dry compound 7 and liquid 3 will greatly prolong the shelf life of the contents.

Although the description above contains many specificities, these should not be construed as limiting the scope of the invention but as merely providing illustrations of some of the presently preferred embodiments of this invention. Thus the scope of the invention should be determined by the appended claims and their legal equivalents, rather than by the examples given.